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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, enclosed are references relating to the above-identified application. For the convenience of the Examiner, these references are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08A and a copy of each is enclosed herewith.

With respect to references DE 3435883 A1 and DE 3711695 A1, Applicant submits an English language abstract for the convenience of the Examiner. The third reference (WO 98/45028) has an English language abstract on the first page.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered in the examination of this application and their consideration be made of written record in the application file.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-1444. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Also, please acknowledge receipt by stamping the enclosed self-addressed, stamped postcard that identifies the documents filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

Within 3 months (1) of filing date of a national application; (2) of date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491 in an international application; or (3) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last. (No fee is required.)

☒ After the mailing date of a first Office Action but before (1) mailing of a final action under 37 CFR §1.311, whichever occurs first.

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☒ The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies each item of information identified in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, or to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

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Very respectfully,

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